



MEETING MINUTES

Housing Authority of Mono County

Board of Supervisors Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING
November 13, 2007

County Courthouse
Bridgeport, California 93517

11:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

No one spoke.

1) COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Reid reported on the following issues and activities:

1. No report; Commissioner Reid was absent.

Commissioner Hazard reported on the following issues and activities:

1. No report.

Commissioner Bauer reported on the following issues and activities:

1. No report; Commissioner Bauer was absent.

Commissioner Farnetti reported on the following issues and activities:

1. No report.

Chairman Hunt reported on the following issues and activities:

1. No report.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of September 11, 2007.

M07-77 (Hazard/Farnetti, 3-0; Bauer and Reid absent)

- 3) Strategic Planning Work Program (**Scott Burns and Larry Johnston**)
ACTION: (1) Review draft strategic planning work program. (2) Provide direction to staff.

Scott Burns: This is an item in which the Commission expressed a lot of interest. A preliminary work program has been submitted by a consultant through Mammoth Housing, Inc. The consultant is proposing a series of meetings to be conducted by the California Coalition for Rural Housing, a non-profit organization based in Sacramento. Burns outlined the proposed series of meetings:

- Initial meeting to meet with staff and understand needs.
- Follow-up to determine constraints.
- Review best practices in rural communities and mountain resort areas.
- Follow-up with discussions concerning policies and programs.
- Consider partnerships.

Hopefully these meetings would result in a general strategic plan about how the Housing Authority should proceed. The cost for the program is estimated at \$15,000, which is reasonable for this scope of work. The previous executive director of Mammoth Housing Inc. suggested using the block grant (overseen by Mammoth Housing) to fund this project. If the current administrator is not interested in using the block grant, there will be a question about how to fund the program. Mammoth Housing Inc. needs to concur with using CDBG funds, or the County can look for a new grant, or use general fund; these are the most obvious funding options.

Chairman Hunt asked about the possibility of Mammoth Housing Inc. sharing the cost. Burns said he would need to make further inquiries.

Commissioner Farnetti said they need to explore all the options and come back with a recommendation. He supported this process, and said the Housing Authority needs some outside assistance and new approaches on how to succeed in a rural county.

Commissioner Hazard said the process sounds good, and the outline would work; his concern is with the financial relationship. However, he would like to see this project move forward.

Chairman Hunt said he thinks Mammoth Lakes Housing is interested in being involved with the County on this project, and perhaps he can get some funding. He concurred with the need for assistance, advice and expertise. He said they need to move forward on this since time is of the essence.

Burns said he will bring this issue back in January with recommendations for funding.

ADJOURN: 11:12 a.m.

Adjourn meeting and reconvene in regular session on January 8, 2008, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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